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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: SOVIET SPERM OIL PRICES

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1. AFTER SOME DELAY, OFFICIAL OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPORTS OF WHALE PRODUCTS (PRODINTORG) ADVISED COMMERCIAL OFFICE JANUARY 14 THAT, DUE TO FACT THAT SOVIET WHALING OPERATIONS HAD BEEN CURTAILED UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, PRODINTORG NO LONGER EXPORTED SPERM OIL. PRODINTORG OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT NO EXPORTS HAD BEEN MADE DURING LAST TWO YEARS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO QUOTE PRICE.

2. COMMENT: COMMERCIAL OFFICE NOT IN POSITION EVALUATE STATEMENT OF PRODINTORG OFFICIAL. WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISED HAD PRODINTORG PROVIDED SPECIFIC PRICE INFORMATION IN ANY EVENT. ACCORDING TO SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS, SOVIETS EXPORT SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF WHALE MEAT (17,227 TONS IN 1974) TO JAPAN. ALTHOUGH NO EXPORTS OF SPERM OIL ARE SHOWN IN SOVIET TRADE STATISTICS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME SMALL SALES HAVE BEEN MADE TO JAPAN. IF SO, JAPANESE IMPORT STATISTICS MAY PROVIDE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

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